

Lafayette county sheriff's Office

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 26, 2015

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisor's Law Enforcement Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 26, 2015.

Present at the meeting were: Committee Chairman Gerald Heimann, Committee members Dwayne Larson and David Halloran and County Board Chairman Jack Sauer. Also present were Sheriff Reg Gill, Chief Deputy John Reichling and Lt. Theresa Burgess. Excused Absent: Connie Hull.

Sheriff Gill reported meeting notices were posted at the Darlington Municipal Building, the Courthouse and First Merit Bank, all in Darlington.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and read. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Halloran seconded the motion. All in favor voted aye. Motion carried.

Administrative update: The committee continued discussions regarding a replacement radio tower. The structural integrity of the 47 year old tower is a concern as is the need to update and improve communications capabilities for both the Sheriff's Office and Highway Department. The possibility of adding simulcasting to all six of the system's repeaters was also addressed again. This added capability would allow communications with *all parts of the county at the same time*. The cost of both these projects (combined) was estimated at \$665,000.00.

Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the bid from the Comelec Company for the Radio Tower Project as it was approximately \$70,000 lower than the competing bid. Mr. Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no updates on obtaining new software to replace the agency's obsolete records management system. Any new software system would also include the addition of "computer aided dispatch" (CAD). Potential vendors are being researched and the results of that search will be reported at the next meeting.

The Finance Committee and County Board approved the Sheriff and Law Enforcement Committee's request to allow \$72,000 of the unspent 2014 budget be carried over into the 2015 budget. Those funds are earmarked for special projects only.

The Lexipol Company will be retained to update the Sheriff's Office policies and procedures.

Sheriff Gill was contacted by State Representative Todd Novak that a \$50,000.00 grant may be available from the State of Wisconsin to increase drug enforcement in Lafayette County.

The Sheriff briefed the committee regarding the Warren Ambulance Service status.

Lt. Burgess attended the annual Crime Stoppers conference in Wisconsin Dells in April.

A grant has been written for the *Bullet Proof Vest Program*. The grant could provide 33 vests for law enforcement and could total \$11,000.00. A similar sum could be provided by the Federal Government.

All monthly bills were presented and read. Mr. Halloran made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting date is scheduled for June 23rd, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

At 6:05 PM Mr. Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Halloran seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

John Reichling, Chief Deputy